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TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/786,942 filed February 24, 2004
Applicant: James R. Wilson
Title: **SYSTEM & METHOD FOR ASSESSING A SUPPLIER'S
COMPLIANCE WITH A CUSTOMER'S CONTRACT TERMS,
CONDITIONS, AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**
Group Art Unit: 3624
Attorney Docket No.: 01757-22037.NP

Sir/Madam:

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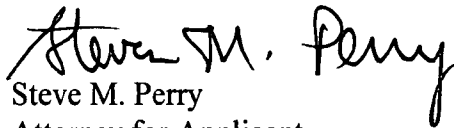
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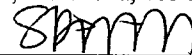
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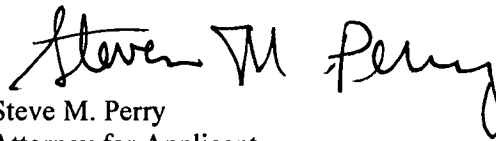
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Dated March 24, 2007.

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